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21cshow FI is a global partnership between 21cshow and the financial sector. Over 160 institutions, including banks, insurers and fund managers, work with 21cshow to understand the impacts of environmental and social considerations on financial performance.

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[Corporate Social Responsibility - more than environmental management](#)

13-14 November, 2008
Munich, Germany

[Training Workshop & CEO Breakfast for the Venezuelan Financial Sector: Environmental and Social Risk Management](#)

29-30 October, 2008
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Sofia, Bulgaria

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9 October, 2008
Bucharest, Romania

[Seminar: The Mexican Financial Sector and the Environment](#)

4 October, 2008
Mexico City

[Green Financial Products and Services: Current Trends and Future Opportunities](#)

27 September, 2008
Toronto, Canada

[21cshowFI and WWF Workshop on Innovative Financing for Sustainable](#)

LATF Training & CEO Breakfast in Venezuela

29 October, 2008

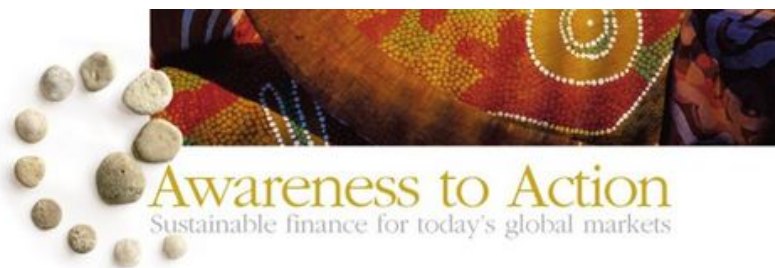
A carefully targeted group of 25 risk managers from the country's main banks were trained on how to identify social and environmental risks; they were provided with examples of international best practice and hand-on exercises to help them design their own risk management systems for their respective institutions.

The following day over 20 high-level FI representatives were addressed by the LATF Chair & Coordinator, the Head of the Banking Association and the national regulator to stress the importance of mainstreaming the integration of environmental and social considerations in the Venezuelan financial sector.

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21cshow FI 2008 Global Roundtable

25 October, 2008



[24-25 October, 2008 | Melbourne, Australia](#)

Half full or half empty? A set of indicative guidelines for water-related risks and an overview of emerging opportunities for financial institutions

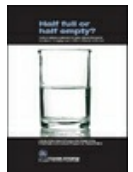
25 October, 2008

While climate change may be the single biggest environmental challenge of the coming decades, its effects on business will mostly manifest themselves via water: circumstances of too little, too much or inadequate timing and quality of supply will expose businesses to considerable financial stress. And yet, despite its material importance, water has, until now, only scarcely appeared on the radars of financial institutions.

Featured Publications

[PDF Half full or half empty?](#)

(2.0 MB | 84 pages)



Guidance on water risks and opportunities for lenders and investors.

[PDF Responsible Property Investing: What the Leaders are Doing](#)

(874 KB | 16 pages)



A collection of responsible investing strategies that investors, asset managers and property managers can implement to improve the ESG performance of a property portfolio, without diluting financial return.

[PDF Demystifying Responsible Investment Performance](#)

(1.0 MB | 82 pages)



Key academic and broker research on ESG factors and investment performance

[PDF CEO Briefing - Biodiversity and](#)

[Second Workshop on the Natural Value Initiative](#)

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Sao Paulo, Brazil

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Launched on 25th October 2008 at 21cshow FI's Global Roundtable in Melbourne, this first-of-its-kind publication goes beyond description and provides lenders and investors with fundamental and practical guidance on how to identify, assess, quantify and integrate water-related risks into existing due-diligence procedures: across geographies and industries; and both within the water/sanitation sector and with respect to businesses "downstream".

However, it is recognized that water cannot only be a destroyer but also a creator of value. There are more opportunities around water than the mere benefits of enhanced risk management. Within this report, these are systematically pointed at and categorized.

To receive a hard copy of the report, please write to: water@21cshow.com

[View the report](#) (PDF: 2.0 MB).

Responsible Property Investing: What the Leaders are Doing

25 October, 2008

Launched on 25th October at 21cshow FI's Global Roundtable in Melbourne, this CEO Briefing summarises key market research carried out by the Property Working Group during 2006-2008. The collection of case studies presented in the Briefing identifies and highlights emerging opportunities that investors, asset managers and property managers can implement to improve the ESG performance of a property portfolio, without diluting financial return. The CEO Briefing will be followed by the publication of a full report by the Property Working Group and its Advisor Dr Gary Pivo (University of Arizona) in late 2008.

[View the report](#) (PDF: 874 KB).

Launch of the online Human Rights Guidance Tool for the Financial Sector

24 October, 2008

21cshow FI's [Human Rights Work Stream](#) launched on 24 October 2008 the pilot phase of its first project, an online Human Rights Guidance Tool for the Financial Sector. The tool, which is open for all of the global membership to use, provides practical guidance designed to assist frontline business and client officers in the lending and investment community. It is industry sector-specific, including background information on international standards and issues of relevance to different cultures and geographies and poses key questions to assist in impact assessment. Supported by Barclays, the tool has undergone a legal review by Dewey LeBoeuf. It will now go through a six month pilot phase after which further regionally specific information will be included and refinements made based on the experiences of financial sector professionals using it. The online guidance tool will be followed by a printed CEO Briefing on human rights issues for the financial sector, due to be launched in early 2008.

Demystifying Responsible Investment Performance: Key academic and broker research on ESG factors

24 October, 2008

Melbourne and New York

A constant barrier to the widespread acceptance of responsible investment has been the misconception that it automatically translates to underperformance. This has been the subject of much debate through the years, particularly in the context of fiduciary duty.

The [21cshow FI Asset Management Working Group](#), in partnership with Mercer, a leading global provider of investment consulting services, unveils its latest

[Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, Bloom or Bust?](#)
(930 KB | 12 pages)



Biodiversity and business opportunity

[PDF The State of Responsible Investment in South Africa](#)
(1.5 MB | 69 pages)



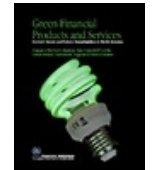
A survey of the approaches and perceptions of the South African investment community to ESG issues.

[PDF CEO Briefing - Green Financial Products & Services: Current State of Play and Future Opportunities](#)
(770 KB | 8 pages)



A summary briefing of the NATF's major study on green financial products and services

[PDF Green Financial Products and Services: Current Trends and Future Opportunities in North America](#)
(700 KB | 82 pages)



A comprehensive study on green financial products and services.

[PDF The Working Capital Report](#)
(590 KB | 56 pages)



A discussion of the UN Principles of Responsible Investment

report, "Demystifying Responsible Investment Performance". The report features influential and award-winning studies from the academic community and a diverse set of studies from renowned brokerage firms, analysing responsible investment performance at both the company/stock and fund/portfolio level, and bolstering the materiality of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors.

The landmark report dispels misconceptions surrounding responsible investment performance, encourages more in-depth academic and practitioner research on ESG factors, and represents another enlightened step towards exploring the challenges and promise of responsible investing.

[View the Report](#) (PDF: 1.0 MB)

GRI Financial Services Sector Supplement out for public comment

16 October, 2008

After piloting and reviewing the draft environmental and social indicators of the GRI Financial Services Sector Supplement in 2006-2008, the jointly coordinated working group between 21cshow FI and GRI is ready to present revised indicators for sustainability reporting in the financial sector to the public. Participate in the public comment phase and have your say on future performance indicators for the financial sector!

[Download the revised GRI Financial Services Sector Supplement](#)

21cshow FI African Task Force launches "The State of Responsible Investment in South Africa"

2 October, 2008

Launched Tuesday 2 October 2008 at South Africa's stock exchange the JSE, "The state of responsible investment in South Africa" is a survey of the approaches and perceptions of the South African investment community to environment, social and governance issues. 32 pension funds, 19 asset managers, and 11 investment service providers were surveyed on current demand and supply of responsible investment as well as whether they felt issues such as employee relations, sustainability, HIV Aids and corporate governance were important to consider when evaluating the performance of investments.

Findings are important for both South Africa as well as the larger African context. The South African stock exchange is the biggest in Africa and South African investment activities, trends and behavior are vitally important to the economies throughout the continent. It is arguably in the African continent, where acute ESG pressures exist, that the benefits of responsible investment could have most impact.

[View the report](#) (PDF: 1.53 MB)

[Report on the Legal Framework for Finance and Sustainability in Argentina \(Spanish\)](#)
(800 KB | 47 pages)



El Desarrollo Sostenible en el Sector Financiero Argentino. Marco Legal & Institucional.

[PDF Insuring for Sustainability: Why and how the leaders are doing it](#)
(3.2 MB | 64 pages)



Highlights best practices and uncovers the opportunities of sustainable insurance ([version française](#))

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Upcoming Training

[Environmental & Social Risk Analysis E-Learning Programme - Latin America](#)

11-29 February, 2008

